

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

#### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A self-foamed porous ceramic composition comprising calcium oxide, silica, and borate wherein the calcium oxide and the silica form a glass, and the borate is self-foamed, ~~at high temperature~~ the composition comprising about 41 to about 47 mole % of calcium oxide (CaO), about 41 to about 47 mole % of silica (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and about 6 to about 18 mole % of borate (B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>).

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Currently amended) A method for making a self-foamed porous ceramic, comprising the steps of: fabricating a glass consisting of ~~[[41~47]]~~ about 41 to about 47 mole % of calcium oxide (CaO), ~~[[41~47]]~~ about 41 to about 47 mole % of silica (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and ~~[[6~18]]~~ about 6 to about 18 mole % of borate (B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>); pulverizing the glass into a finely-divided glass powder having an average particle size of ~~[[1~10]]~~ about 1 to about 10  $\mu\text{m}$ ; molding the glass powder; and sintering the molded glass powder.

Claim 4 (Currently amended) The method for making a self-foamed porous ceramic according to claim 3, wherein the sintering is carried out at a temperature of [[950~1,200]] about 950 to about 1,200 °C.

Claim 5 (Original) The method for making a self-foamed porous ceramic according to claim 3, wherein the porous ceramic is bioactive.